

## THE REPORT

Of the Venezuela Commission is Virtually Completed,

And Will Be in the Hands of the President in a Few Days.

Should the South American Republic Cordially Acquiesce in the Decision of Great Britain and the United States a Formal Report Only Necessary.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Without there being any direct official advice on the matter it is very evident that the report of the Venezuelan commission, which is now virtually completed, will be in possession of the president prior to the completion of the forthcoming message to congress. How the character of the commission's report may be changed from its present standing in view of the friendly attitude of this country and England toward each other in the settlement of Venezuela's troubles is a subject of some official and diplomatic interest. That point appears to await official reports from the government at Caracas. Should the arbitration agreement between England and the United States prove acceptable to Venezuela the incident will be harmoniously and finally closed in all quarters and not tend to a recalling of past acrimony and recitals of more or less national disagreement that would appear should circumstances call for detailed statements of the numerous points involved in the controversy as considered by the commissioners. In the event of the South American republic cordially acquiescing in the decision of the two great powers bearing the brunt of the dissensions, a formal report only will be necessary. Judge Brewer, of the commission, was in consultation with Secretary Olney Wednesday, presumably on the subject, but he declines to give any indication whatever of the purposes of his visit to the state department.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The Document Will Be Sent to Congress Tuesday, December 8.

CHICAGO, Nov. 26.—A Washington special to an evening paper says:

President Cleveland completed his annual message Wednesday, it is said, and the copy will go to the printer. Unusual precautions have been taken this year to keep the contents from the public until they are formally proclaimed in the house. The contents of the foreign relations feature of the message are much in demand in speculative circles. Brokers have had trusted agents here from New York this week prying around the departments in an effort to learn the general tenor of the message on Cuban affairs. Nobody has any idea what the message will say in regard to Cuba, it is said, except Secretary Olney, who has been in daily communication with the president. The printed message will be read before the full cabinet meeting Friday, December 4, and sent to congress Tuesday, December 8.

### NATIONAL GRANGERS

Want J. H. Brigham, of Ohio, Appointed as Secretary of Agriculture.

CANTON, O., Nov. 26.—Maj. McKinley listened Wednesday evening to a formal request for recognition by appointment to the cabinet. A committee of the National grange, an organization of farmers with a membership of 250,000, urged Maj. McKinley to appoint J. H. Brigham, of Ohio, secretary of agriculture. The committee consisted of O. H. Hale, of New York; Geo. B. Horton, of Michigan; W. W. Miller, secretary of the Ohio state board of agriculture. Aaron Jones, of Indiana, was spokesman.

Maj. McKinley promised to carefully consider the suggestions of the committee and its members departed in excellent spirits.

### Post Office Officials Arrested.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Nov. 26.—Walter R. Dingo, stamping clerk in the post office in this city, was arrested by post office inspectors Wednesday on a charge of robbing the mails and was placed under bond to appear in the United States court at the December term. C. H. Taylor, paper distributor, and also charged with the duty of forwarding dead letters, was arrested on the charge of detaining, secreting and delaying letters. Letters of six months' accumulation had been detained. He also gave bond for his appearance.

### Will War Be Declared?

BALTIMORE, Nov. 26.—Gen. Bradley T. Johnson, who was recently in Cuba as a newspaper correspondent, is quoted as stating that he believes the meeting of congress on the first Monday in December will be made notable by a message from the president recommending the recognition of the Cuban belligerents, and that the following Wednesday will see a declaration of war by Spain against the United States.

### Died From Blood Poisoning.

CHICAGO, Nov. 26.—John M. Faulhaber, who attempted suicide at his home, 436 North Clark street, two months ago by gas asphyxiation on account of business reverses, died at the Alexian Brothers' hospital Wednesday night as the result of blood poisoning. Faulhaber was a prominent wine merchant here and was an influential German.

### Shipping War Material.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Nov. 26.—The Bethlehem Iron Co. Wednesday night shipped a big invoice of war material to Portsmouth, Va., and to Watervliet arsenal at West Troy, N. Y. The consignment included armor plates and gun material.

### James Stone in Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 26.—James Stone, the alleged assailant of Mrs. Green, at Mayfield, was brought to Louisville from Paducah at midnight for safe keeping.

## SECRETARY CARLISLE

May Renew the Issuance of Gold Certificates.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Assistant Secretary Carlisle has been in New York two days, but will be at his desk again Friday. No information is vouchsafed at the department as to the cause for his visit to New York, but it is believed to be in connection with the proposed renewal of the issuance of gold certificates. It was generally understood at the department that upon the return of the assistant secretary, Secretary Carlisle would issue an order permitting the resumption of this practice, he having authority under the act of July 13, 1882, to stop the issue of gold certificates whenever the reserve fell below the \$100,000,000 mark. The cessation of this issue has happened frequently during the past four years but it is now believed that the ordinary course of business will not interfere with a practice that has been found convenient for the banking institutions of the country and particularly for those in the large cities.

There has been no stable gold balance since 1893. When Secretary Carlisle took hold of the treasury in March, 1893, there were \$116,000,000 of gold certificates outstanding but they have been entirely withdrawn. When the first suspension of the issue of gold certificates occurred there were \$114,000,000 outstanding. This happened in April, 1893. After the sale of bonds the gold reserve was reconstituted but only temporarily. On two different occasions the issue of gold certificates was resumed, but it was stopped at both times within two or three days after the order was made, permitting them. Then the secretary decided not to again direct their issue until the balance was stable and devoid of the fluctuations that had marked it through a period of many months.

Wednesday the outstanding gold certificates aggregate only \$39,588,139. The issue proposed consists of denomination of \$5,000 and \$10,000, and will be issued to such persons as deposit the gold in the treasury upon which they are issued. These issues are largely used by banks as part of their reserve funds and enable them to carry a large amount of the equivalent of gold without the bulk of the article itself and without the attendant losses by abrasion, etc.

### BATTLESHIP KENTUCKY.

Harveyized Nickel Steel Armor Plates to Be Used in Her Construction Shipped From Homestead, Pa.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 26.—Thirteen harveyized nickel steel armor plates, which will be used in the construction of the battleship Kentucky, were shipped to San Francisco from Homestead Wednesday on thirteen cars especially constructed for the purpose. Each car contains one armor plate, each of which is 17 inches thick 10 feet high and 14 feet long, each one weighing 45 tons. The barbettes in the largest and heaviest ever constructed and the plates were completed in a shorter time than was ever before accomplished. The 13 cars will be rushed through to San Francisco by a special train, and are to be placed in the new battleship at the earliest time possible under instructions from the secretary of the navy. It was by special request of the secretary that they were completed so hurriedly.

### THE TEXAS.

Doubtful Whether the Battleship Can Be Ordered to Sea.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—While the findings of the naval court which investigated the recent foundering of the battleship Texas have not yet reached the navy department, it is learned that without extensive alterations it is very doubtful whether the Texas can be ordered to sea. It is understood that evidence was adduced to show that 61 of her compartments leaked when her engine room was flooded and that a leak sprung in any one of them at sea would have surely caused the total loss of the ship. No only were all the alleged "watertight" doors found to be defective, but in the opinion of at least one member of the court, her whole bulkhead system is utterly useless.

### Official Vote in Michigan.

LANSING, Mich., Nov. 26.—The state board of canvassers completed their work Wednesday morning on the canvass of the recent election in this state, with the following result on presidential electors: Total vote, 544,285; McKinley, 293,337; Bryan, 237,251; Levering, 4,008; Palmer, 6,989; Bentley, 1,809. For governor, Pingree leads the electoral and entire state ticket by 10,000 in round numbers.

### Terrible Suicide.

YORK, Pa., Nov. 26.—Stoverstown, this county, was the scene of a terrible suicide. Reports say that Miss Katie Klindinst, aged 19, went out into a cornfield set fire to a shock of fodder and threw herself into the flames. She was discovered but her injuries were too serious and she died. Just before death she gave birth to a living child.

### Pat Mitchell Lynched.

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn., Nov. 26.—Passengers arriving here Wednesday from Cranberry, N. C., bring the news that Pat Mitchell, who criminally assaulted a five-year-old child in Watauga county, North Carolina, was taken from the officers Tuesday night by a mob in the mountains near the North Carolina line and lynched.

### Elected Primate of All England.

CANTERBURY, Nov. 26.—In the chapter house of Canterbury Rt. Rev. Frederick Temple, archbishop of Canterbury, was formally elected primate of all England. The quaint formalities of the seventeenth century were observed.

### Four Children at a Birth.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 26.—Mrs. George Jones, of Kock Creek, Union county, became the mother of four children, two boys and two girls. Mother and children are doing well.

## A BATTLE

Near Mount Rubia, Twenty-Six Miles West of Havana.

The Government Forces Were Divided Into Three Detachments.

One of 5,000 Men, Another of 10,000 and a Third of 20,000—First Division Defeated—Insurgents Retreated While the Second Stormed Mountains.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—The Ward line steamship City of Washington, which arrived Wednesday from Havana, brought some interesting news of the engagement which occurred recently near Mount Rubia, between the Spanish troops and the insurgent forces headed by Gen. Maceo.

Last Saturday the government organ La Luchaja called for trains to convey 1,000 wounded and sick soldiers from Caldearia to Havana. This was the first intimation that had been received that the engagement had been serious in its results. One of the passengers on the City of Washington who for obvious reasons did not wish to have his name mentioned, gave an interesting account of how the battle was fought, and this to a great extent, it is thought, explains why Gen. Weyler returned to Havana so soon.

Mount Rubia is 26 miles west of Havana and about 13 miles from the northern coast of the island. Gen. Weyler had spread his troops across the island in its narrowest part to prevent Maceo's forces moving toward the east. Then the remaining forces were divided into three detachments, one of 5,000 men, another of 10,000 and the third of 20,000, the latter being led by Gen. Weyler himself. These detachments moved toward the mountains from different directions. The detachment of 5,000 reached the mountain first and after heavy fighting, was repulsed by Maceo's forces, with 700 wounded and it is not known how many dead. When the second detachment of 10,000 men under command of Gen. Echague arrived and began to storm the mountain they found that the enemy had disappeared. Gen. Weyler, who approached from the trocha, did not have a chance to smell powder.

Details are lacking, but it appears that Maceo had another engagement west of Mount Rubia, in which 1,000 of the Spanish troops were wounded. Five hundred of the wounded were brought into Havana by rail and two hundred were brought by water, leaving 1,000 sick and wounded still on the field. Weyler's failure to locate Maceo would appear to have been the cause of his hasty return to Havana.

### GEN. WEYLER

Has the Support of the Spanish Authorities in His Campaign in Cuba.

MADRID, Nov. 26.—In an interview Wednesday upon the subject of the return from the Pinar del Rio province to Havana of Capt. Gen. Weyler, Prime Minister Canovas del Castillo stated that he entirely supported the course pursued by Gen. Weyler. The premier ridiculed the idea that Weyler would be superseded as captain general of Cuba because of his return to Havana and declared that the captain general's initiative should be respected. Weyler, he said, had advanced operations in the island for the purpose of allaying the impatience manifested by the public, and despite the disadvantages under which he labored, had driven the insurgents out of their fastnesses. Far from the plan of the captain general's campaign having proved a failure, it was a fact that when he arrived in Havana to succeed Capt. Gen. Campos the insurgents in Cuba were a numerous body; whereas, from the time of his assuming command there had been only a few scattered bands of the rebels, which had been constantly pursued and harassed by the Spanish cavalry. Senor Canovas further stated that he had not approached Gen. Azcaraga, minister of war, upon the question of succeeding Gen. Weyler, as such a course would imply lack of confidence on the part of the government in the captain general.

### Will Take the Oath of Office Friday.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Hon. William S. Foreman, of Illinois, the newly appointed commissioner of internal revenue, expected to assume the duties of his office Wednesday. He is still at his home in East St. Louis, and Wednesday wired that he would not return until after he had taken his Thanksgiving dinner at home. He will take the oath of office Friday, according to his present plan, regardless of the superstition attached to that day for the commencement of any work.

### Nebraska's Official Vote.

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 26.—The state canvassing board completed the official count on presidential electors Wednesday. Mr. Bryan is shown to have carried the state by a plurality of 13,060, as follows: Bryan, 115,624; McKinley, 102,564; Palmer, 2,797; Levering, 1,190; socialist and national, 910. Four fusion and two republican congressmen are elected. The political complexion of the legislature is: Senate: Fusionists, 15; republicans, 8; House: Fusionists, 67; republicans, 32.

### The Battleship Oregon.

SANTA CRUZ, Cal., Nov. 26.—The battleship Oregon, Capt. Howison commanding, steamed out of Monterey bay Wednesday in the face of a stiff southerly for the purpose of having her guns tested by the board of inspectors. The vessel behaved admirably, and, although no official information regarding the result of the trial is obtainable, it is understood that the armament fully meets all requirements.

### South Dakota's Vote.

HURON, S. D., Nov. 26.—The returns from South Dakota have finally all been received and tabulated. Bryan received 40,999 votes and McKinley 40,502, giving the former a plurality of 124.

## KENTUCKY NEWS.

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### THE STATE

Will Take a Hand in Putting Down Lawlessness in Woodford County.

VERSAILLES, Ky., Nov. 26.—Prominent officials who went to Frankfort to see Gov. Bradley in regard to turnpike outrages in Woodford county, were assured by the governor that the state would take a hand in putting down this lawlessness whenever called upon, and would also offer an additional heavy reward for the capture of regulators if requested by county authorities. United States detectives have been ordered to this county to shadow the men who have sent threatening anonymous letters through the mails. The president of the Frankfort, Lexington & Versailles Turnpike Co. said Wednesday they would continue to collect toll on their road if it required the expenditure of every cent in their treasury.

### Good Position for Gov. Bradley.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 26.—The Courier Journal says Thursday that politicians who are well posted are firmly of the opinion that Gov. W. O. Bradley will not be governor of Kentucky after September, 1897, when he will accept a post of high importance at the hands of President McKinley, who will save it for him, so it is stated, until after the fall election, when Gov. Bradley can be succeeded as governor by Lieut. Gov. Worthington. This appointment is to be in recognition of Bradley swinging the state into the republican ranks.

### Big Hydrophobia Scare.

BERRY, Ky., Nov. 26.—Newt McNeese, who was bitten by a mad cow, began to feel stinging pain in his hand and arm and hurried to Madison county, where he applied the Burgin madstone. It adhered seven times. A. D. Lytee, who was bitten by the same cow, has gone to apply a madstone in Bourbon county. Many others have been bitten and a veritable panic prevails. Cows are going mad every day and every dog in this vicinity has been killed.

### Burned a Tollhouse.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Nov. 26.—Free turnpike raiders Wednesday night set fire to the tollhouse on the Flat Creek road, about two miles from this city, and it was burned to the ground. It was officially stated Wednesday night that the turnpike directors have decided to commence Thursday collecting toll on all roads in the county, and will supply their keepers with arms for protection and with instructions to kill marauders in the future.

### Tragedy Near Tompkinsville.

GLASGOW, Ky., Nov. 26.—At the notorious Red Jacket, one mile from Tompkinsville, a young man, giving his name as Cantrill and his home as Smithville, Tenn., was shot and instantly killed by Walter Leslie, a nephew of ex-State Senator Leslie, of Tompkinsville, and of ex-Gov. Leslie, of Montana. Cantrill was a professional gambler and trouble arose over a game of cards. Leslie surrendered and claims self-defense.

### James Albrow Acquitted.

WARSAW, Ky., Nov. 26.—James W. Albrow was acquitted by a jury Wednesday for killing John Lee. At a picnic on July 4 last some one told Lee that his daughter had been insulted. Lee was drunk and rushed through the crowd, striking at several, finally assaulting Albrow, who is about 18 years old. Albrow shot Lee dead.

### Colored School Principals Meet.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Nov. 26.—The colored school principals of central Kentucky will meet here Thursday at the State Normal school. Papers will be read by J. H. Garvin, W. H. Mayo, J. H. Jackson, G. P. Russell, J. W. Bate and C. W. Reynolds on subjects of interest. An organization may be effected.

### Failed to Impeach Sleath.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Nov. 26.—The impeachment charges made against William S. Sleath, superintendent of Lexington's public works, were not sustained, and the accused was acquitted Wednesday night. Only one member of the court voted for impeachment.

### Hunter's Chances.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 26.—Congressman W. Godfrey Hunter, who is a candidate for the republican nomination for United States senator, it is said, has 24 votes pledged on the first caucus ballot and eight pledged as a second choice. It takes 36 to nominate.

### One Prison Enough.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Nov. 26.—Auditor Stone said Wednesday that he is in favor of abolishing the Eddyville prison. Gov. Bradley will recommend its abandonment to the legislature, it is said, beyond doubt.

### Voted in the Wrong Precinct.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Nov. 26.—Gov. Bradley Wednesday morning pardoned Sam Hudson, of Hickman county, convicted of illegal voting. He had moved across the street and voted in the wrong precinct.

### A Call on the Governor.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Oct. 26.—Gov. Bradley has been asked to commit the Negro who assaulted Mrs. Green at Mayfield to the Eddyville penitentiary, as a mob is feared.

### Desperado Wood Died Gaily.

LEXINGTON, Ind., Nov. 26.—William Wood, the desperado shot by Policeman George Frost Monday night, died at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening. Wood was game until the end and shielded other members of the gang.

The barn of W. W. Morton, a neighbor of President P. J. Berckmans, of the American Homeological society at Augusta, Ga., burned at midnight. Loss about \$2,500. Fifteen head of milk cattle, five horses and three mules burned to a crisp. Seven or eight of the cows were registered stock. Morton recently came to Augusta from Kentucky.

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